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10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival delivers spectacle of superstars Aruba Hosts Mega Concert



Minister Otmar Oduber

Thousands of music enthusiasts returned this year for the 10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival, hosted by Aruba. The festival features legendary talent and the best of R&B, soulful performances sure to satisfy connoisseurs of pure grooves. Bringing extreme flavor and heating up the main stage on Memorial Day week-

end are supreme heavy hitters including, Grammy awards winner (9), and multiplatinum records musical great (8) Mary J. Blige, Grammy winning (5) artist extraordinaire Toni Braxton, R&B multi-platinum sensation Joe Thomas, Grammy nominated singer/songwriter genius Raheem DeVaughn along with a high-decibel

comedic round-up of film & television, notable Comedian/Actors entertainment featuring Kevin Hart, Mark Curry and Chris Spencer. The 10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival promises to tantalize the multitudes with five days of cosmopolitan bliss. Festival goers delve into five remarkable days of savory indulgences; culinary extravagances, aquatic rhapsodies at pulsating beach jams and live it up into the night at exclusive after-parties. A special original program screening of the new HBO series "Treme" enchants local movie audiences to set in motion three nights of mesmerizing concert performances where imaginations will come to life and warm vibes stimulate the soul at Joe Laveist Stadium in San Nicholas, and the vivacious essence of Aruba's tropical haven.

"We're proud of this year's festival line-up and our partnership with the Soul Beach Music Festival organizers. The island is ready to host and celebrate this event together with the performing artists and the festival attendees. This year we're hosting you in San Nicolas, a Caribbean melting pot where music is an expression of everyday's life," said Minister of Tourism, Transportation and Labor, Otmar E. Oduber. "Since the 1980's, Aruba has been the proud host of some of the best music artists of the world. This year we're expanding our horizon and we're hosting our first Aruba International Film Festival on June 4-11, with some of the best in the film industry. Our aim is to provide experi-

ences that our guests enjoy and that our own communities can benefit from. Aruba brings out the best of the performing artists and our guests because of the relaxing, friendly atmosphere, and by offering the best in accommodations, cuisine and activities." "We believe that connecting people to what matters to them empowers them to make the most out of every moment and this continuously inspires us to deliver the next era of connectivity along with the 10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival unwavering sponsors and partners to enhance our market leadership through simplicity, trust and relevance," said producer Mark Adkins. "Aruba supports our vision for building a strategic collaboration and we are fortunate to share in their accelerated growth and this year's expansion of Aruba's support provides the opportunity to bring a higher level of artist, awareness, and results for Aruba and Soul Beach."

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Gulf spill surpasses Valdez; plug try going well

COVINGTON, Louisiana (AP) — An untested procedure to plug the blown-out oil well in the Gulf of Mexico seemed to be working, officials said yesterday, but new estimates showed the spill has already surpassed the Exxon Valdez as the worst in U.S. history.

A team of scientists trying to determine how much oil has been flowing since the offshore rig Deepwater Horizon exploded April 20 and sank two days later found the rate was more than twice and possibly up to five times as high as previously thought.

The fallout from the spill has stretched all the way to Washington, where the head of the federal agency that oversees offshore drilling resigned yesterday and President Barack Obama insisted his administration, not BP, was calling the shots. His comments marked a change in emphasis from earlier administration assertions that the government was overseeing the operation.

BP said the risky procedure,

known as a top kill, was force-feeding mud into the blowout preventer and going according to plan.

As for the spill, even using the most conservative estimate, the leak has grown to nearly 18 million gallons over the past five weeks. In the worst case scenario, if 39 million gallons has spilled, the oil would fill enough jugs to stretch from the Louisiana marshes to Prince William Sound in Alaska. That's where the Exxon Valdez ran aground in 1989, spilling nearly 11 million gallons.

"Now we know the true scale of the monster we are fighting in the Gulf," said Jeremy Symons, vice president of the National Wildlife Federation. "BP has unleashed an unstoppable force of appalling proportions."

In Washington, meanwhile, Minerals Management Service Director Elizabeth Birnbaum stepped down from the job she has held since July 2009. Her agency has come under withering criticism from lawmakers

of both parties over lax oversight of drilling and cozy ties with industry.

An internal Interior Department report released earlier this week found that between 2000 and 2008, agency staff members accepted tickets to sports events, lunches and other gifts from oil and gas companies and used government computers to view pornography.

Polls show the public is souring on the administration's handling of the catastrophe, and Obama sought to assure Americans that the government is in control. "I take responsibility. It is my job to make sure this thing is shut down," Obama said at a news conference.

He announced that a new moratorium on drilling permits will be extended for six months. He also said he was suspending planned exploration drilling off the coasts of Alaska and Virginia and on 33 wells currently being drilled in the Gulf of Mexico.

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Jamaica: 74 killed in hunt for alleged drug lord

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Security forces went door-to-door through a bullet-pocked Jamaican slum yesterday and said at least 74 people were killed in four days of gunbattles as they searched for a reputed drug lord.

The target of the manhunt, Christopher "Dudus" Coke, was nowhere to be found.

"We are still searching for Mr. Coke," said Deputy Police Chief Glenmore Hinds. "Certainly we can't disclose where we are looking."

Hinds said police and soldiers have found 73 bodies, three of which were killed in incidents not related to the raid.

"The 73 bodies we're speaking about are all civilians," Hinds said. "But civilians are sometimes gunmen and gunwomen."

He confirmed three police officers were killed in the fighting, and the army earlier said a soldier was killed as well. Twenty-eight security forces were injured. Hinds de-

nied claims by residents that police were burning some bodies.

Security forces were in control in Tivoli Gardens, the slum where Coke enjoys widespread support and is referred to as "president."

Sporadic gunfire could still be heard in the neighboring slum of Denham Town, where some streets remained barricaded by local gang members.

A crowd of some 100 people in Denham Town pointed at May Pen cemetery, shouting to reporters: "There are a lot of bodies over there." Soldiers patrolled the cemetery and barred anyone from entering.

The director of Jamaica's Red Cross said he was trying to get access to the neighborhood.

"We know there are people with urgent needs there," Jaslin Salmon said. "We've also been told there are bodies in there."

More than 500 people have been arrested in connection with the four days of fighting, most of them in Tivoli Gardens. Police were searching for weapons, but so far have found only six weapons and 7,000 rounds of ammunition, Hinds said.

Community groups said police should have expected the violent reaction to the raid, especially since Coke supporters had been hoarding weapons since the U.S. demanded his extradition last August. Prime Minister Bruce Golding, whom Coke helped get elected, had wavered nine months before agreeing to extradite him.

Information Minister Daryl Vaz said officials are trying to identify the bodies and that the government will launch an independent investigation into police actions in the raid.

It is speculated that Christopher "Dudus" Coke may have fled the country.

Government warns of worst hurricane season since 2005

WASHINGTON — The Atlantic storm season may be the most intense since 2005, when Hurricane Katrina killed over a thousand people after crashing through Gulf of Mexico energy facilities, the U.S. government's top climate agency predicted yesterday.

In its first forecast for the storm season that begins next Tuesday, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecast 14 to 23 named storms, with 8 to 14 developing into hurricanes, nearly matching 2005's record of 15.

Three to seven of those could be major Category 3 or above hurricanes, with winds of more than 110 miles per hour (177 km per hour), the agency said, echoing earlier

predictions from meteorologists for a particularly severe season that could disrupt U.S. oil, gas and refinery operations.

In addition to the risk that major hurricanes can pose to about one-quarter of U.S. oil production and more than a 10th of natural gas output offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, this year's storms could threaten to complicate efforts to combat the environmental disaster of BP's gushing oil well.

The hurricane season officially starts on June 1 and typically peaks between late August and mid-October. An average Atlantic hurricane season brings 11 tropical storms with six hurricanes, including two major hurricanes, NOAA said.

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Maritza Thielman Croes celebrates 35 years with SETAR N.V.



Recently, Maritza Thielman Croes celebrated 35 years with Aruba's telecommunication company, SETAR N.V. Maritza started working a long distance operator at the government radio department. After Aruba obtained its autonomous status the department joined forces with the telephone company to become SETAR N.V.

During her 35 years of working, Maritza was promoted to different positions, Operational Clerk 3rd class, 2nd class and 1st class, and later to Head Clerk. At present she works as Callcenter agent. She is married to Romeo (Tico) Thielman and has two kids, Thaisa and Albert.

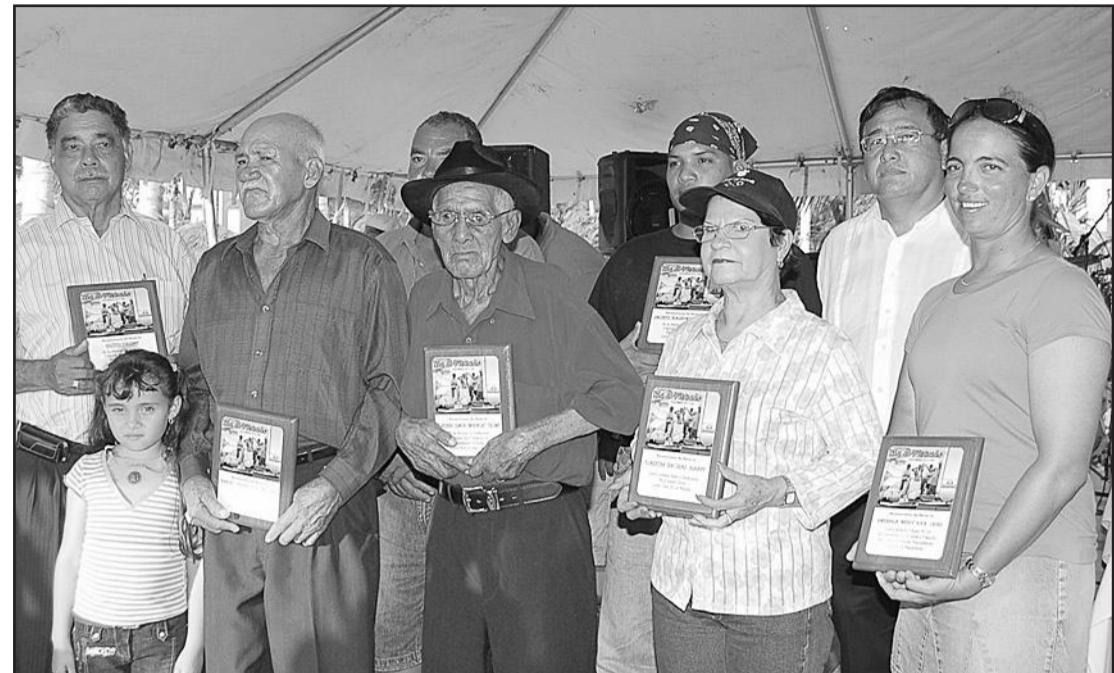
Maritza is a dynamic and exemplary employee. She formed part of the organizing team when SETAR N.V. organized the telecommunication conference CANTO. Her ability to communicate in different languages, friendliness and knowledge of the company enabled her to be part of the welcome committee receiving delegates at the airport. She also functions as a model

for SETAR N.V. when needed at photo shoots or any other project to help improve SETAR's image.

Looking back at those moments, Maritza expressed: "It was a great experience to be part of the organizing committee of the conferences and to help with the marketing projects. What I like is that we constantly get training to help us grow in our daily work so we can give excellent service to our customers. I feel good when I help a client and they are satisfied with my service. I always emphasize to my younger colleagues that if you like your work you perform it with enthusiasm and a positive attitude in order to give excellent service. It is the only way to grow in the company and one day you also will celebrate 35 years with our national company."

Photos show Maritza at work; and Maritza receiving a gift for her 35 years anniversary from SETAR N.V. Director Roland Croes, in company of Interface Customer Manager Marluska Schepers.

Nominate your Fishing Guardian In connection with Fishermen's day on June 27



With only one month left for Fishermen's Day, the 'Centro di Pesca Hadicurari,' Aruba's fishermen center, together with the Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries are in full preparations to celebrate this day. Every year, on June 29, St. Peter's Day, fishermen around the world pay homage to this saint. Every year, the Centro di Pesca Hadicurari commemorates this day with a fishing competition and family day.

All fishermen are invited to come at the center and help with the preparations for this day. This year, for the first time, the fishermen and the general public will have the opportunity to nominate a person as fishing guardian.

Who and how to nominate

This year, the organizing committee will accept nominees from the public. The committee will select three (3) candidates. One candidate must stimulate fishing among women, alongside with two others who will be selected based on their trajectory, achievement and contribution to fishing on Aruba.

Everyone is invited to fill in a form to name their nominee, which is obtainable at the center's club or one can request a form on line at hadicurari@gmail.com. The form serves for organizers to get basic information on the nominees, their fishing history, anecdotes, knowledge and experience in fishing. Pictures, newspaper clippings and other documentation of achievements are also valid. They will be used to make a small documentary of the history and culture of fishing on Aruba.

The last day to submit no-



minees is June 8. So do not miss this opportunity to nominate your candidate.

Activities at Hadicurari

On Sunday, June 27, there will be a Fishermen's Day at the Hadicurari Center in Noord. There will be a fishing tournament with attractive prizes, a festival of local food, and activities for the kids, fishing tournament on the wharf, and much more. Entertainment is by an organ grinder, a typical group and a steel band who will delight attendees the whole day.

Why a Fishermen's Day

Fishermen's Day was instituted to focus attention on the hard work and challenges of fishermen, and the danger they face each time they go out at sea, and what fish means for our nutrition.

Fishing is an integral part of Aruba's culture. On Fishermen's Day let us all give appreciation and recognition to all fishermen of Aruba, they deserve it.

Let's instill interest in our youngsters for the tradition of fishing, by participating or supporting in the activities on Fishermen's Day.

Photos give an impression of last year's celebration.

Ferguson to talk about scandal to Oprah Winfrey



CHICAGO, Illinos (AP) — The Duchess of York is taking her side of the story to the queen of television.

Just days ago, a British tabloid reported that Sarah Ferguson was caught on video offering access to her former husband, Prince Andrew, for \$724,000. Now, she's going to tell her side of the story to Oprah Winfrey.

"The Oprah Winfrey Show" says the interview with the Duchess of York will air Tuesday.

The program says it will be Ferguson's first TV interview since the news broke last weekend.

But Ferguson hasn't been hiding out. On Wednesday she appeared before booksellers and librarians at a New York trade show to promote children's books. She didn't address the scandal directly during a panel with other authors at Book Expo America but made a few references to it.

Sarah Ferguson was once

considered a lively spark, just the thing to brighten up Britain's staid royal family when she married Prince Andrew and became Duchess of York.

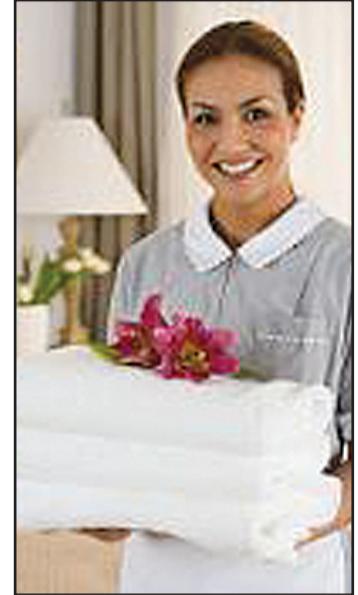
But in recent years, the brash redhead has found herself in trouble. She was the royal who struggled to control her weight and balance her checkbook — and often ended up in the tabloid newspapers for all the wrong reasons.

Though work in America improved her bank account and her image, Ferguson took a blow over the weekend when a Sunday tabloid reported that she had offered access to Andrew, Britain's special representative for trade and investment, to an undercover reporter. Her price? Allegedly a half-million pounds (\$724,000), with a \$40,000 down payment.

Ferguson, 50 and the mother to two princesses, has said she never felt able to fulfill her role as a royal.

Sarah Ferguson was once

Back Then



The natural inborn quality of good manners of the local Arubans was a real quality, not a forced one. There was a true elegance in greeting and receiving others. It was, and in many still is, a tradition to smile and say 'bon dia' or 'bon tarde' (obviously depending on the time of day) when one passed another close by on the sidewalk or wherever one was walking: staircase, hotel lobby, coming out of a store. It was a sign of friendliness and also of respect, particularly toward older people.

It was what made Aruba so desirable a tourist destination. The first tourists expected a Jamaica-West Indian atmosphere because of that island's popularity then. They did not expect a Dutch-Latin society. No, we did not walk barefoot with baskets of laundry on our heads going to the rivers to wash our dirty clothes. We don't have rivers; we do have washing machines or hand laundry in the clean water from the desalination plant even then. And, yes, please drink the water.

It was therefore disconcerting for salespeople in local jewelry stores at the time to have tourists come in and go directly to the counter and start

talking, without even a hello or good morning, often ignoring the fact that another customer was being attended to. It was smile-time, however, when someone would point to a necklace and demand to know the price right then. "25,000 dollars, sir." Mouth agape, no sign of speech, and out the door. Early hotel workers also found it unsettling when their smiles and greetings were not returned. It was just such a natural thing to do and always with a smile.

An important travel writer of the 60's and 70's wrote that "The smiles of the Aruban people are the real thing.

They're not pasted on nor turned on for the moment. They're as warm as the sun." Recently an ex-pat living on Aruba since "back then" went into a small print shop in a small town in New England. She said good morning and smiled at a woman standing at the counter waiting for service. After a few seconds, the woman said, "You're not from here, are you? We don't do that any more." When told she was from Aruba, the woman smiled and said, "Of course, I know about the friendly people on Aruba."

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Albert and June Fulton honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba



Recently, at Albert Quattrochi and June Fulton were honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. Mr. Quattrochi is from Rindge, New Hampshire and Mrs. Fulton from South Weymouth, Massachusetts. They have been visiting our island for more than 16 and 15 consecutive years respectively. Mr. Quattrochi states that he met Mrs. Fulton 15 years ago at the Caribbean Palm Village and since then they remained in contact with each other. According to them the reason for coming here every year is to relax, the water sports, our culinary variety, nice weather and friendly people. Aruba Tourism Authority associate Francis Jacobs presented them handsome certificates thanking them for their love for Aruba.

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Loyal Aruba guests honored at Aruba Beach Club



Recently, at the Aruba Beach Club a group of loyal guests were honored by the Aruba government. Mrs. Patricia Hughes was honored as Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba. She has been vacationing here for 30 consecutive years. Mrs. Hughes states to be very excited with this honor. Along the years she brought many family members and friends with her, among them the couple Bill and Sandy Freud. The Freuds were also honored. They received the distinction of Distinguished Visitors of Aruba for their 10th consecutive visit here. The honorees state the main reason for coming to Aruba is the nice climate, beautiful sea, friendly people and the variety of restaurants. During a small ceremony on their behalf, Aruba Tourism Authority liaison Mandy Lopez handed them handsome certificates as a 'thank you' gesture. Also present at the occasion were several family members.



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Norton Antivirus Coming to Smartphones and TVs



The computer security firm Symantec announced today it will expand its Norton line of security software to smartphones, tablet computers and other Internet-enabled devices - even to TVs, automobiles and digital picture frames.

"We are entering a new era where non-PC devices are exploding in numbers, which means more opportunity for cybercriminals. It's becoming more and more critical for consumers to be protected beyond their PCs," said Janice Chaffin, president of the Consumer Business Unit at Symantec.

Symantec is known mostly for its Norton antivirus software. But over the past three years, the company's work on cloud computing storage, internet parental controls and application reputations (safety ratings for just about any file downloaded online) paved the way for the new push into mobile computing security.

Meanwhile, there are 5 things consumers need to know about the "Norton Everywhere" effort:

Norton Everywhere is more than antivirus. In fact, on the phone-front (iPhone and Android 2.0+ included), Norton will offer much more than just protection from rogue apps and malware. The apps will let user remotely lock and/or wipe the device in the event of theft or loss, prevent unwanted phone calls, and even keep tabs on their roaming status to avoid

extra charges.

The Norton Connect App (previously known as 'Tiki') will let users sync with their online backup account (available in Norton 360 or Norton Online Backup) to access, manage and share files directly from an iPhone or Android device (Android is the OS for the Droid smartphone and others).

Norton Everywhere is for more than phones. Even Your digital photo frame needs security. Don't believe it? While the threats are different, any device that connects to the Internet has the potential to be a security risk. Norton intends to help you protect Blu-ray players, TVs, game consoles, tablets, e-readers, and even vehicles. When Norton says everywhere, they mean everywhere.

Content filtering on your PC isn't enough. Norton has offered content filtering and parental controls for PC and Mac, but children are now accessing the Internet on their phones and even video game consoles. As Norton integrates its databases and infrastructure to provide DNS (Domain Name System) services to internet-enabled devices, users will be able to block their child from inappropriate sites while surfing the web on the Wii, or protect their network from a virus on a guest's iPad. Norton DNS will be available for free, to deliver another level of security as Norton verifies every URL you visit.

Rich countries pledge \$4B to stop deforestation

OSLO, Norway – Developed nations pledged more than \$4 billion Thursday to finance a program meant to help poor countries protect their forests and slow global warming.

An agency monitoring the aid will be up and running before U.N. climate talks start in Cancun, Mexico, later this year, the European Union's climate commissioner said at a conference on deforestation in Oslo.

Also, Indonesia agreed to a two-year moratorium on issuing new permits for forest destruction as part of a \$1 billion deal with Norway that would pay Indonesia a fixed sum per ton of CO₂ emissions reduced through rain forest preservation. Norway has had a similar deal with Brazil since the mid-1990s.

Deforestation, the burning of woodlands or the rotting of felled trees, is thought to account for up to 20 percent of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere — as much as is emitted by all the world's cars, trucks, trains, planes and ships combined.

The new program — called REDD Plus, for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation — will encourage rich nations to voluntarily finance forest-protecting projects while coordinating that aid to avoid waste and ensure transparency.

It was approved — but not implemented — at the U.N. climate talks in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December.

In Oslo, Germany, France, Norway, the U.S., Britain, Australia and Japan pledged \$4 billion to finance REDD Plus through 2012, with Denmark and Sweden adding \$73 million more to the effort on Thursday.

The new monitoring agency would oversee individual agreements between countries to fight deforestation and educate local populations who live off forests — estimated at more than 1 billion worldwide — to do so in a sustainable way.

EU climate commissioner Connie Hedegaard said the new agency, and a comprehensive database that will help streamline aid combatting deforestation, were tangible results that would build momentum in climate talks ahead of the Cancun summit.

Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said the new agency would "decrease a trust deficit" that has stymied progress in wider climate talks, as wealthy countries express concern about how aid money is used in poor nations.



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I feel your pain, unless you're from a different race

Normally when you see or imagine someone else in pain, your brain experiences a twinge of pain as well. Not so when race and bias come into play, scientists now find.

Intriguingly, people respond with empathy when pain is inflicted on others who don't fit into any preconceived racial category, such as those who appear to have violet-colored skin.

"This is quite important because it suggests that humans tend to empathize by default unless prejudice is at play," said researcher Salvatore Maria Aglioti, a cognitive and social neuroscientist at the Sapienza University of Rome in Italy.

Scientists asked volunteers in Italy of Italian and African descent to watch short films showing either needles penetrating a person's hand or a Q-tip gently touching the same spot. At the same time, they measured brain and nervous system activity.

When the volunteers saw the hands get poked, the brain and nervous system activity revealed the same spot on each volunteer's own hands reacted involuntarily when the person in the film was of the same race. Those of a different race did not provoke the same response.

However, when both white and black volunteers saw violet-colored hands get jabbed, they responded empathetically. This suggests that people normally automatically feel the pain of others, and the lack of empathy that volunteers showed for people of other races was learned and not innate.

"This default reactivity of human beings implies empathy with the pain of strangers," said researcher Alessio Avenanti of the University of Bologna in Italy. "However, racial bias may suppress this empathetic reactivity, leading to a dehumanized perception of others' experience."

It could make evolutionary

sense that we feel less empathy for people who are different than us. "In case of war or even a friendly competition like a football game, it could be adaptive to feel less empathy for people we consider our opponents," said social neuroscientist Joan Chiao at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., who did not take part in this research.

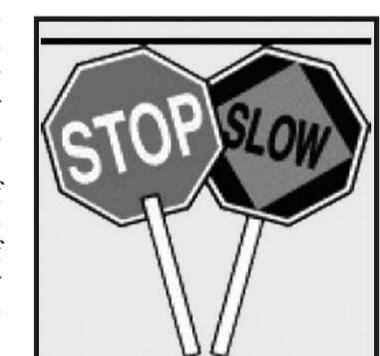
Then again, "it also makes evolutionary sense for us to feel the pain of others, as it might cue that there is danger close by," Chiao noted. "Also, without feeling the pain of others, it could be harder to motivate altruistic behaviors, especially if such behaviors come at a cost."

Essentially, for the stranger in pain, in order to elicit help, he or she would need to actually get the stranger to feel empathy.

While the ability for culture to regulate empathy could be helpful, "when you feel prejudices that are not adaptive, that are not rooted in reality, that shows that there can be a darker side to empathy regulation," Chiao added.

These new findings could suggest one could help deal with racial prejudice with methods designed to restore empathy for others, the researchers said.

"One can reduce empathy, but one can also promote it, learning positive associations with another group," Chiao said.



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When you do something for your romantic partner, is it the thought that counts?

Yes, but a new study suggests something else matters: the return favor of gratitude.

"Feelings of gratitude and generosity are helpful in solidifying our relationships with people we care about, and benefit the one giving as well as the one on the receiving end," study author Sara Algoe, an assistant professor of research in the psychology department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, said in a news release.

The researchers followed more than 65 couples in ongoing relationships and tracked their levels of satisfaction and connection on a day-to-day basis.

The study authors found that people were deeply affected by their partners' levels of gratitude.

"Gratitude triggers a cascade of responses within the person who feels it in that very moment, changing the way the person views the generous benefactor, as well as motivations toward the benefactor," Algoe said. "This is especially true when a person shows that they care about the partner's needs and preferences."

Tanning beds can greatly boost Melanoma risk

People who use tanning beds to keep that year-round glow are dramatically increasing their risk for developing melanoma, the deadliest of skin cancers, a new study finds.

In fact, the more you tan and the longer you tan, the more the risk increases, researchers noted.

"We found the risk of melanoma was 74 percent higher in persons who tanned indoors than in persons who had not," said lead researcher DeAnn Lazovich, an associate professor at the division of epidemiology and community health at the University of Minnesota.

"We also found that people who tanned indoors a lot were 2.5 to 3 times more likely to develop melanoma than people who had never tanned indoors," she added.

In the context of the study, "a lot" of indoor tanning meant a total of at least 50 hours of tanning bed exposure, or more than 100 sessions, or at

least 10 years of regular tanning bed use.

The report is published in the May 27 issue of *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*.

For the study, Lazovich's team collected data on melanoma cases in Minnesota from 2004 through 2007. The researchers also conducted interviews and had patients complete questionnaires about indoor tanning, including the devices used, when the person began tanning and for how long.

The researchers found that among 1,167 people with melanoma, almost two-thirds (63 percent) had used tanning beds. Among those who used tanning beds, the risk for developing melanoma rose 74 percent, Lazovich's group found.

The risk for melanoma was significant whether the tanning beds used both UVA and UVB rays or UVA rays only. For beds using UVA

rays, the risk of melanoma was increased 4.4-fold.

"What is remarkable about our results are that they are very consistent," Lazovich said. "We found these relationships whether we looked at it by age, by gender, by where the tumor was found or by how we measured how much people tanned or what kind of devices they used."

Lazovich noted that the danger is particularly acute among young women who seem to have a predilection for indoor tanning.

"Indoor tanning is an underappreciated problem, especially among young women. More young women tan indoors than smoke cigarettes, and melanoma is the second most common cancer diagnosed in young women," she said. "And there is evidence that the incidence of melanoma is increasing in young women. It's time to pay a little more attention to this as a risk factor that is avoidable."



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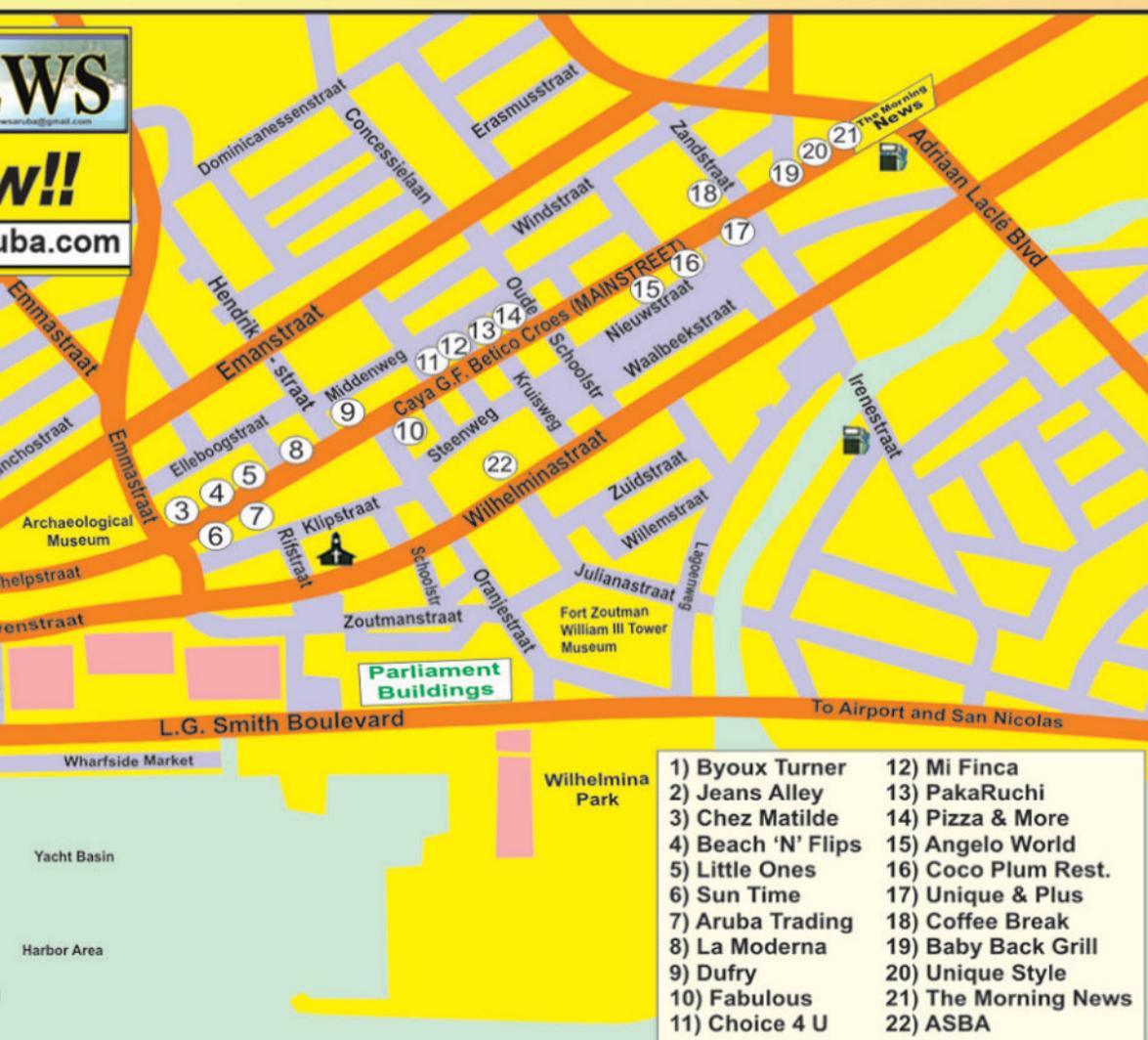
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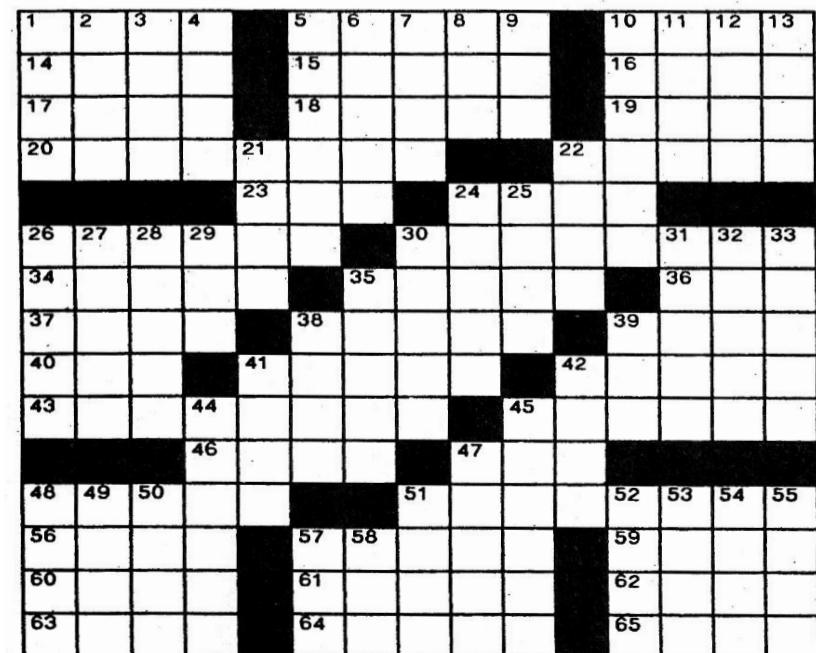


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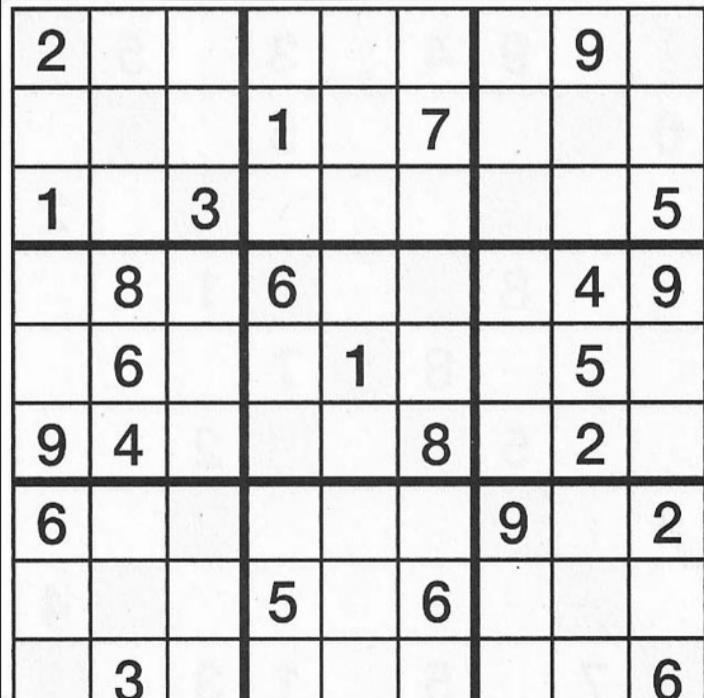
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China boosts euro, Spain wins austerity vote

BEIJING/BERLIN — The euro rebounded yesterday after China reaffirmed its long-term strategy of diversifying currency holdings away from the dollar and denied it was reviewing its holdings of euro sovereign bonds.

Spain's minority socialist government won parliamentary backing for its austerity program by a single vote in a drive to cut its budget deficit and regain market confidence dented by a euro zone debt crisis that began in Greece.

The People's Bank of China said in a statement that a Financial Times report that the

State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) was concerned about its exposure to euro zone debt was groundless.

The central bank said Europe would remain one of China's main investment markets and Beijing would support actions to help the European Union resolve its debt crisis.

The Kuwait Investment Authority also denied a media report that the Gulf oil producer's sovereign wealth fund was reducing its exposure to the euro zone, saying there was no change to its long-term investment strategy in Europe.

Geithner: US, Europe broadly agree on reform

BERLIN, Germany (AP) -- The U.S. and Europe broadly agree on the need for reform of the financial system, but global cooperation is needed, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said yesterday. He also said countries are working together to balance cutting back deficits with supporting economic growth.

Geithner met German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble during a two-day visit to Europe that also took him to Britain and to the European Central Bank in Frankfurt.

The trip comes amid ongoing market volatility following European nations' agreement this month on a euro750 billion (nearly \$1 trillion) loan backstop for governments in danger of defaulting on debt — coupled with efforts to cut budget deficits.

Germany, the eurozone's biggest economy, pushed that deal through parliament last week. Geithner welcomed Berlin's "leadership role" in putting together "this very strong framework," as well as its speedy action to implement it.

He deflected worries that austerity measures could lead to an economic setback. He underlined the need to reduce debt "to sustainable levels over the medium term" and added that "we're going to get there at somewhat different paces."

"We are working very closely together to try to make sure that we are strengthening and reinforcing this global recovery," he said.

Schaeuble noted that the rules governing the euro are tilted the "stability and growth pact" and said countries would try to do justice to both elements.

The eurozone rescue package — preceded by a rescue for Greece that remains unpopular in Germany — has been accompanied by renewed European determination to advance regulatory reform of the financial system. Many on the continent contend that speculative market practices exacerbated the debt crisis.

Last week, European Union governments overrode British objections and U.S. worries to tighten rules for hedge funds, and Germany unilaterally announced curbs on traders of government debt and bank stocks — a move that rattled markets.

Geithner accentuated areas of trans-Atlantic agreement but stressed the U.S. commitment to a "a cooperative global approach" leading up to next month's summit of the Group of 20, which combines rich countries with emerging nations such as China and India.

"The United States and Europe are in broad agreement on the importance of putting in place more conservative constraints on risk-taking, more conservative capital requirements, bringing transparency and disclosure to derivatives markets, making sure that the regulators and supervisors can do their job," Geithner said.

He acknowledged that "we're going to have slightly

different approaches because we have different systems."

But "we all agree on the need for a common framework," he added. "These are global markets, you need common standards — you don't want to just let risk move outside the scope of regulation."

He didn't comment directly on the German ban on so-called naked short-selling and planned legislation to cement it in law.

Schaeuble — who acknowledged that "the American approach is a somewhat different one" — renewed his defense of the move, saying it was justified given recent months' experiences and could be superseded by future European regulation.

One area of agreement is the need for a levy on major banks to ensure that they cover the costs of any future banking crisis.

In Paris yesterday, one of President Barack Obama's top advisers said it would be a mistake for the U.S. to rapidly wind down stimulus measures to cut its deficit.

"It would be wrong to tighten fiscal policy immediately, as that would nip the nascent economic recovery in the bud," said Christina Romer, head of the White House Council of Economic Advisers.

She advocated further measures such as fiscal relief for state and local governments and extension of emergency benefits for the long-term unemployed.

Both Geithner and Schaeuble argued that it was no problem for countries to take varying approaches.

"The balance is going to be different in different countries," Geithner said. "That's a necessary, desirable thing. We all have slightly different room for maneuver."

Schaeuble said European countries with aging populations and lower potential growth have "narrower room for maneuver" on sustaining deficits than nations such as the U.S. with a strong growth dynamic.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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The Road to 2010 FIFA World Cup

Van Marwijk cuts final 4 from Dutch squad

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) -- The Netherlands squad that made the final cut on Thursday for the World Cup blends attacking flair with an aging defense.

Coach Bert van Marwijk unveiled a 23-man roster built around three players who starred in the Champions League final: Inter Milan's creative midfielder Wesley Sneijder, Bayern Munich winger Arjen Robben and his teammate Mark van Bommel, who will play as a defensive midfielder.

Robben and Sneijder will be joined in attack by Robin van Persie, the Arsenal striker who marked his comeback after six months out of international soccer with two classy goals Wednesday when the Netherlands beat Mexico 2-1 in a warmup.

Van Marwijk's back four will likely include a pair of 35-year-olds -- Andre Ooijer

and Giovanni van Bronckhorst -- alongside young Ajax right back Gregory van der Wiel and Joris Mathijsen, 30.

Van Marwijk cut Vurnon Anita of Ajax and Ron Vlaar of Feyenoord, PSV Eindhoven midfielder Orlando Engelaar and AZ Alkmaar forward Jeremain Lens.

Anita's omission came just a day after he made his international debut as a second-half substitute.

Celtic left back Edson Braafheid got the nod instead of Anita, but only just.

Van Marwijk's team plays Ghana and Hungary next week in home friendlies before leaving for South Africa, where the team will play in Group E with Denmark, Japan and Cameroon.

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Ghana's Essien to miss South Africa

Chelsea and Ghana midfielder Michael Essien has been ruled out of the FIFA World Cup™ due to injury.

The 27-year-old missed a large part of the recently-

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National coach Milovan

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Midfielders: Ibrahim Afellay (PSV Eindhoven), Nigel de Jong (Manchester City, England), Demy de Zeeuw (Ajax), Stijn Schaars (AZ Alkmaar), Wesley Sneijder (Inter Milan, Italy), Mark van Bommel (Bayern Munich, Germany), Rafael van der Vaart (Real Madrid, Spain)

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Rajevac had hoped the former Lyon man would be passed fit for the showpiece tournament.

His absence is a huge blow for Ghana.

Dunga: It's a joy to be here



Dunga

This time there were no drums nor sounds of a Brazilian samba as the five-time world champions, Brazil made a subdued entrance on to South African soil ahead of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ which starts on 11 June.

"It's a joy to be in a World Cup and to be here in South Africa. Most importantly, the players feel the same way," said Dunga. "As we draw nearer to our first match, I'm sure some of the guys will be a bit anxious, but right now, we are just happy to be here."

Admittedly, Brazil will feel like they have an inside lane having competed in South Africa before when they embarked on a successful 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup.

tions Cup where beat USA 3-2 in the final.

However, Dunga is well aware that the 32-team event is different both in magnitude and grandeur.

"We know what we are likely to encounter here. We experienced the same conditions during the Confederations Cup last year," he continued. "We are here to compete for the World Cup, we know that our responsibility is to do well in this tournament. We are very motivated to do well and to fulfil our objectives."

We've faced a lot of criticism, but the spirit of joy and desire to play in the national team is key. Dunga, Brazil coach.

A Seleção's star-studded squad will play a number of warm-up matches in South Africa before the tournament. Boasting a galaxy of stars, Brazil are have been listed among the tournament favourites, but Dunga said it was important for his team to concentrate on the FIFA World Cup and not to be bothered by what is being written about them.

Brazil's will launch their bid to win the FIFA World Cup trophy, which they last won in 2002, when they face Korea DPR at Johannesburg's Ellis Park Stadium on Tuesday 15 June.

They will then proceed to the neighbouring Soccer City where they face Côte d'Ivoire. Afterwards, they will have to make the 600km distance to Durban to face Portugal in a potential Group G decider at the Durban Stadium on 25 June.

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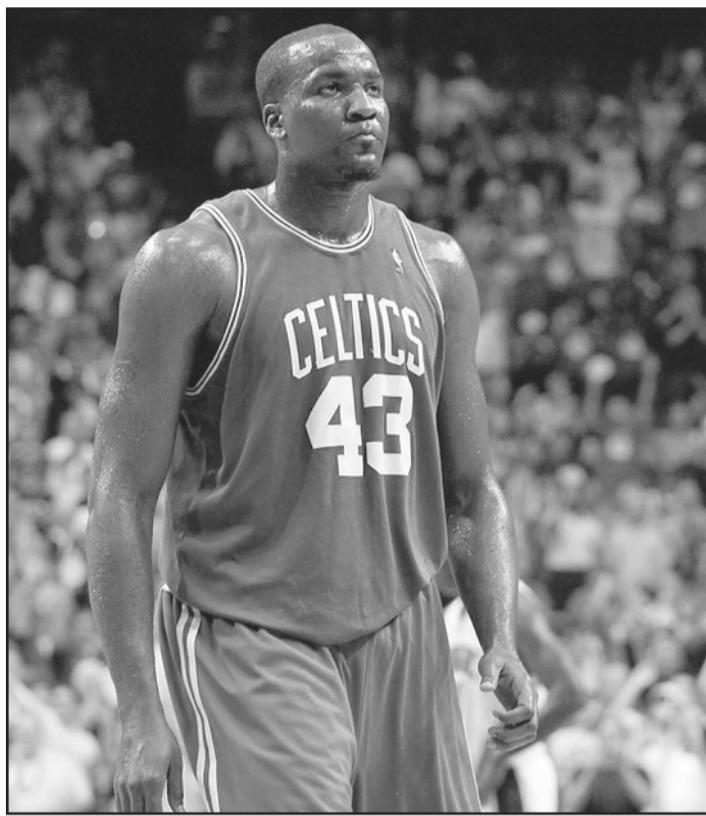
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Celtics hope to avoid Bruins' fate, reach finals



Kendrick Perkins #43 of the Boston Celtics walks off the court to the locker room after he was ejected

BOSTON - It's a good thing for the Boston Celtics that the NBA rescinded center Kendrick Perkins' technical foul and nixed his suspension.

He might be the only big man they have left.

Perkins was ejected from Boston's 113-92 loss to Orlando in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals on Wednesday night after picking up two technicals in the first half. The league rescinded one on Thursday, clearing Perkins to play in Game 6 when Boston tries for the third time to eliminate

the Magic and advance to the NBA finals.

"It's another closeout game on their home court," Magic forward Rashard Lewis said. "I think the game on Friday will most definitely be the hardest game of the playoffs that we've ever faced. They're a veteran team. They'll come out with a lot of energy and a lot of heart, and I'm sure they're not going to want to come back to Orlando."

And, even with Perkins, the Celtics will be short-handed.

Backup Glen "Big Baby" Davis was diagnosed with a concussion and is likely to miss Friday night's game after blacking out on the court from an inadvertent elbow to the face in Game 5. Rasheed Wallace tweaked his back in the game, and his availability for Game 6 was not immediately known.

"We're not a team that's going to look and say, 'Woe is me,'" said Celtics swingman Paul Pierce. "Our goal is to win one more game and end the series regardless of who we put out there. That just means guys have got to come together. One guys down, or two guys go down, it's got to come from everybody."

The Celtics need a victory Friday night to avoid a trip back to Orlando for a seventh game, where a Magic victory would make them the first team in NBA history to come back from a 3-0 deficit in a best-of-seven playoff series.

"I didn't like being in a 3-0 hole, but it's still doable. I don't think we've had a lack of belief," Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy said. "We can't go back and get those first three. ... I don't know why we didn't get at it, I don't know why we didn't play with the same type of energy in the first three games. I really do not know."

Only four times in North American pro sports history has a team come back from a 3-0 deficit. But the Magic wouldn't even be the first to do it this month in Boston: The Bruins led the NHL's Eastern Conference semis 3-0 before the Philadelphia Flyers came back to advance—celebrating in the very same TD Garden locker room where the Magic dress.

CONFERENCE FINALS



WESTERN CONF.

ORLANDO VS. BOSTON

BOSTON 92, ORLANDO 88 (BOSTON LEADS 1-0)

BOSTON 95, ORLANDO 92 (BOSTON LEADS 2-0)

Orlando 71, Boston 94 (Boston leads 3-0)

Orlando 96, Boston 92 (Boston leads 3-1)

Orlando 113, Boston 92 (Boston leads 3-2)

x-Fri. May 28: Orlando @ Boston

x-Sun. May 30: Boston @ Orlando

EASTERN CONF.

L.A. LAKERS VS. PHOENIX

L.A. LAKERS 128, PHOENIX 107 (LA LEAD 1-0)

L.A. Lakers 124, Phoenix 112 (LA leads series 2-0)

Phoenix 118, L.A. Lakers 109 (LA lead 2-1)

Phoenix 115, L.A. Lakers 106 (series tied 2-2)

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Ivanovic, Date Krumm fizzle out in French Open tennis gloom



Andy Roddick

PARIS – Former champion Ana Ivanovic and super-senior Kimiko Date Krumm saw their French Open hopes fizzle out at rain-ravaged Roland Garros on Thursday, where over six hours of play were washed away.

But Andy Roddick and Andy Murray, both outside bets for the men's title, safely made their way into the last 32, while four-time champion Rafael Nadal was forced to wait until Friday for his third-round tie to get underway.

Former women's winner Serena Williams also had to kick her heels, with their matches just two of the 41 that were scrubbed from the rain-soaked schedule.

Ivanovic, the 2008 champion and former world number one, bowed out meekly 6-3, 6-0 to big-hitting Russian 28th seed Alisa Kleybanova, who has made the last 32 for the first time.

The defeat for Ivanovic, now ranked 42 in the world, was the earliest in her six visits to the tournament.

"I didn't play that badly," insisted the 22-year-old Serbian, who has failed to reach the fourth round of any Grand Slam since her 2008 win here.

Kleybanova will now face Kazakhstan's Yaroslava Shvedova, who put out eighth seeded Pole Agnieszka Radwanska, for a fourth-round spot.

Japan's Date Krumm, who turns 40 in September and

made her Paris debut in 1989, was unable to repeat her stunning first-round dismissal of former world number one Dina Safina as she lost to Australia's Jarmila Groth.

With Date Krumm carrying a calf injury, the Slovakian-born Groth cruised to a 6-0, 6-3 win and next faces compatriot Anastasia Rodionova, who put out Russian 21st seed Vera Zvonareva.

Date Krumm admitted she played against medical advice.

"I went to the clinic and the doctor said: 'Don't play. It's too risky,'" she said.

"But it's a Grand Slam and it's very, very special for me. My character means that I don't like to retire or not play."

Serbian fourth seed Jelena Jankovic, twice a semi-finalist, also moved into the last 32 with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 win over Estonian qualifier Kaia Kanep.

However, the titanic clash between French 13th seed Gael Monfils and Italy's Fabio Fognini, who were locked in a bad-tempered tie that was called off in complete darkness just before 2200 (1900GMT) on Wednesday, was finished.

Fognini, who had squandered three match points before the match was halted at 5-5 in the final set and picked up a one-point deduction for arguing the decision to play on, triumphed 2-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 9-7.

Fourth seed Murray resumed his match with Argentina's Juan Ignacio Chela and won 6-2, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-2 to set up a last 32 clash with Cypriot 25th seed Marcos Baghdati.

American sixth seed Roddick reached the third round with a 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 win over Slovenia's Blaz Kavcic and next faces Russia's Teimuraz Gabashvili.

The damp weather took some zip off Roddick's biggest weapon, and for much of the match he was dueling from the baseline on his worst surface.



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Favre surgery wasn't much of a surprise to Vikings

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. – For the second straight spring, Brett Favre's decision to have surgery down south has decreased any doubts in Minnesota about his desire to play.

The body part has changed, from right shoulder to left ankle, but the name and the game remain the same. This time, the vibe around the Vikings is leaving even less intrigue than last year about whether Favre will be their quarterback this fall.

Favre posted confirmation of the arthroscopic procedure on his personal website last Friday. He hasn't officially told the team he'll return, but the surgery sure was a strong suggestion.

"I think that's some promising news," tight end Visante Shiancoe said after Thursday's practice. "Why'd he get ankle surgery? That's

the first thing that came through my mind. Seems like he got it for the season, because that's what he needed to come back to the Vikings. But whatever's best for him and his family and for his old body — old, old, old body, I stress that. He has to make a decision that's good for him."

Favre's future has been up in the air since the Vikings lost the NFC championship game to New Orleans in January. He's coming off what he has called the best season of his 19-year career, that forced interception in the fourth quarter against the Saints the only real blemish.

Favre spoke often about how much fun he had playing for his one-time rivals, and that the Vikings coming so close to the Super Bowl ought to increase his appetite for more success even if the new grandpa will turn 41 in October.

"You always want to end on top," Shiancoe said. "Not saying that he personally didn't end on top, but us as a team, man, we have unfinished business. Hopefully he feels the same way."

Offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell said he wasn't surprised that Favre had surgery, but he insisted his most recent contact with Favre was not related to football. Bevell teased his longtime friend Favre about his satellite participation in a motivational business seminar held in Minneapolis on Wednesday.

As for when Favre might start working out his arm again in Mississippi?

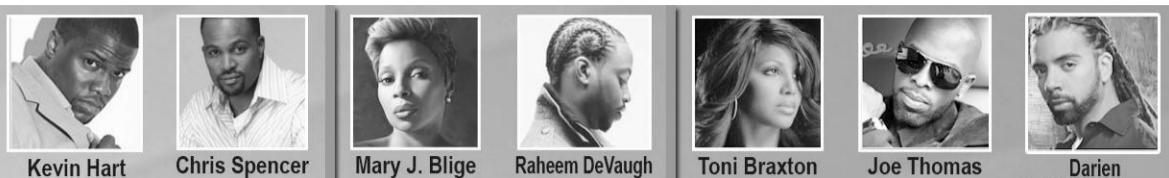
"Haven't even gone there with him, to be honest with you," Bevell said.

Via video at the seminar, Favre was asked about playing this season. He said he's not sure and that his attitude is "wait and see."



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Entertainment Center (Oranjestad) 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. **All Star Comedy Jam**

The 10th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival will fly into Aruba May 28 - 30, for the

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Club Havana (Oranjestad)

11pm - 4am

Saturday, May 29, Soul Beach Daytime Event

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Music Concert

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Music Concert

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Doors open at 5:30 pm. for Sanifete Festival

Toni Braxton, Joe Thomas, Youth Xtreme

Nightclub Party

Club Havana (Oranjestad) 10 p.m. - 4 a.m.

Following a short biography of Toni Braxton

With an impressive catalog of five albums (alongside 2003's best-selling Ultimate Collection), Toni Braxton has built a worldwide base of music lovers since she first burst onto the contemporary music scene in 1991 with "Love Shoulda Brought You Home" (from the soundtrack of the hit movie "Boomerang"). As the 'First Lady Of LaFace Records,' Toni's creative partnership with Antonio 'L.A.' Reid and Kenneth 'Babyface' Edmonds yielded a non-stop run of multi-platinum albums with 1993's Toni Braxton, 1996's Secrets and the 2000 set The Heat through to the 2001 Snowflakes holiday album and 2003's highly personal and thought-provoking More Than A Woman CD, which featured a number of songs written by Toni herself as well as produc-

tion from The Neptunes and Rodney Jerkins among others.

Along the way, Toni distinguished herself with unforgettable hit singles such as "Another Sad Love Song," "Breathe Again," "Un-Break My Heart," "You're Makin' Me High" and "He Wasn't Man Enough" picking up five Grammy Awards in the process (in 1993 for "Best New Artist" and "Best R&B Vocal Performance, Female"; in 1994 for another "Best R&B Vocal Performance, Female" award; and in 1997, as winner in both the "Best R&B" and "Best Pop" Female Vocal Performance categories).

With natural musical skills that were immediately evident when she started singing in church with her four sisters in Severn, Maryland and inspired by the likes of Stevie Wonder, Anita Baker, Chaka Khan and Whitney Houston, Toni had set her sights on a singing career from her earliest days. It was while studying to become a teacher at Bowie State University that she came to the attention of LaFace owners L.A. Reid and Babyface. Her decade with LaFace was filled with both accomplishment and challenge; while she constantly achieved chart success globally, racking up some forty-million worldwide sales through her five LaFace albums, Toni dealt with a much-publicized bankruptcy in 1997 which she recalled was "a major learning opportunity for me." Resolved in 1998, Toni began her first Broadway run that year with a starring role in "Beauty & The Beast." The 2000 success of The Heat, her

third album was typified by Top 10 status in over a dozen countries including the U.S., France, Germany, Holland, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Hong Kong, South Africa, Greece, Denmark, Austria, Belgium, Israel and Switzerland. The album's gold single "He Wasn't Man Enough" earned Toni a 2000 Grammy Award for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance" while the album won two American Music Awards.

In 2005, following the release of her fifth album Libra, Toni headlined her own show at the Flamingo Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

In August 2008, Toni competed on ABC's Dancing with Stars and headlined the Dancing with the Stars tour. Toni recently signed with Atlantic Records and is working on a new album scheduled for release in early 2010.

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